

**BYELAW NWSFC 13A - COCKLES AND MUSSELS - MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERY.**

*Byelaw confirmed 29.03.96*

1. The Committee, may close any cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*) or mussel (*Mytilis edulis*) bed or part of a bed for the purposes of fishery management or for controlling the rate of exploitation with regard to cockles and mussels.
2. Such closure shall be for a specified period and be undertaken only after the Joint Committee has consulted such persons or bodies appearing to them to represent local cockle or mussel fishermen, and provided the Committee has been advised by fishery scientists who appear to them to be suitably qualified, as to the need for such action.
3. No person shall, without the consent of the Committee, under the written authority in that behalf signed by the Clerk, remove, take or disturb any cockle or mussel from a bed or part of a bed of cockles or mussels which has been closed pursuant to this byelaw.